



British Columbia Assembly of First Nations



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2026 BCAFN ELECTION INFORMATION – REGIONAL CHIEF

The following election guidelines apply to the election for the Regional Chief position at the BC Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting, taking place on October 15, 2026 (“Election Day”). The deadline to submit a complete Candidate Package is 11:59 PM on **August 31, 2026**.

The Regional Chief’s Terms of Office, attached to this document, contains information pertaining to the Regional Chief’s role, mandate, authority and responsibilities, and accountability, as well as remuneration and benefits.

ELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Candidates are encouraged to review the BC Assembly of First Nations’ Governance Manual. Please contact the BCAFN office via Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca to request a copy. Candidates may ask their nominating First Nation to request a copy of the BCAFN membership list for campaign purposes. Nations should make such requests to Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca.

Candidates and all individuals engaged in campaign activities on a candidate’s behalf are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and to adhere to and comply with the Principles to Combat Bullying and Harassment that are attached as Schedule “A” to the Governance Manual.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

A candidate for Regional Chief must be nominated by the candidate’s own First Nation AND a minimum of four (4) other members of the BCAFN as represented by the Chief or Chief’s designate (“member delegate”) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List.

To nominate a candidate for this position, the completed Nomination Form must be submitted along with the complete Acceptance of Nomination Form. Both must be returned to the Electoral Officer at least 45 days before Election Day (**before 11:59 PM on August 31, 2026**).

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must:

1. Be of First Nations ancestry from British Columbia;
2. Be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election



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CANDIDATE PACKAGE

Candidates or their Nominees must provide the Electoral Officer with the following material:

1. Nomination Form;
2. Acceptance of Nomination Form;
3. A one-page profile of the Nominee; and
4. A biographical photo in JPEG format (optional).

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Each member of the BC Assembly of First Nations shall have one vote which may only be exercised by their representative (member delegate) as set out on the Membership List or a proxy duly appointed pursuant to the BCAFN's Governance Manual.

Given the technicalities involved with appointing a proxy for electronic voting, all proxy forms are encouraged to be submitted by Monday, October 12, 2026. Detailed proxy appointment procedures will be made available to members in advance of the AGM.

VOTING PROCEDURE

The voting process will be conducted in accordance with Schedule "C" (the Electronic Voting Framework) of the Governance Manual.

Voting shall commence at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026.

The election shall be conducted using electronic voting.

ELECTING REGIONAL CHIEF

If only one candidate is duly nominated, the candidate will be acclaimed. If there is more than one candidate, an online election by secret ballot will be held. Should there be more than 2 candidates on the ballot for Regional Chief, a ranked ballot will be used, and the Instant Runoff Method will be used to count the votes in accordance with Schedule "C" of the Governance Manual. In the unlikely event of a tie, another round of voting will be organized at a future date.



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REGIONAL CHIEF - NOMINATION FORM

We, member delegates who represent members of the BC Assembly of First Nations, nominate

_____ to run in the October 2026 election for position of **Regional Chief** of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and to represent BC First Nations at the Assembly of First Nations.

1. _____ X _____ Candidate's First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

2. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

3. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

4. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

5. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:

ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026.

Office Use Only - Received in complete form by the Electoral Officer: _____, 2026

at _____ o'clock

Signed: _____



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BCAFN REGIONAL CHIEF – ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, accept my nomination to run for the position of **Regional Chief** in the October 2026 election of the BC Assembly of First Nations (“BCAFN”).

I attach a one-page profile to support my candidacy and authorize the BCAFN to distribute my profile to all eligible voters.

Name on Ballot: _____ First Nation: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTIONAL - I appoint _____ to act as my Scrutineer at the election.

Scrutineer’s address: _____ [street or post box address]

_____ [city or town] _____ [postal code]

(_____) _____ [phone number]

_____ [e-mail address, if available]

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:
ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 715-4777.

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